TALMAGE'S SERMON.

MAN VERSUS EVIL THE SUBJECT LAST SUNDAY.

Shall I Awake? I Will Sock It Wes Again"-The Return of the Prodigal-Surmounting Obstacles.

[Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.] Washington, Nov. 10 .-- In this discourse Dr. Talmage depicts the struggie of a man who desires liberation from the enthrallment of evil and shows how he may be set free; text, Proverbs xxiii, 35: "When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again."

With an insight into human nature such as no other man ever had Solomen in these words is sketching the mental processes of a man who has stepped aside from the path of rectitude and would like to return. Wishing for something better he says: "When shall I awake? When shall I get over this horrible nightmare of iniquity?" But seized upon by uneradicated appetite and pushed down till by his passions, he cries out: "I will seek it yet again. I will try it once more!"

About a mile from Princeton, N. J., there is a skating pond. One winter day, when the ice was very thin, a farmer living near by warned the young men of the danger of skating at that time. They all took the warning except one young man. spirit of bravado, said, "Boys, one cles and watched by Christian parentskates, the ice broke, and his lifeless | fallen. body was brought up. And in all matters of temptation and allurement It is not a prolongation that is proposed, but only just one more indulgence, just one more sin. Then comes the fatality. Alas, for the one round "Now, if I get you ashore, are you enough so you could see he had an more! "I will seek it yet again."

Our libraries are adorned with elegant literature addressed to young men pointing out to them all the dangers and perils of life-complete maps of the voyage of life-the shoals, the rocks, the quicksands. But suppose a young man is already shipwrecked, suppose he is already off the track, suppose he has already gone astray. how can be get back? That is a question that remains unanswered, and amid all the books of the libraries I find not one word on that subject. To that class of persons I this day address myself.

Surmounting Obstacles. So far as God may help me I propose to show what are the obstacles to your

return and then how you are to surmount those obstacles. The first difficulty in the way of your return is the force of moral gravitation. Just there is a natural law which brings down to earth anything you throw into the air, so there is a corresponding moral gravitation. I never shall forget a prayer I heard a young man make in the Young Men's Christian Association of New York. With trembiing voice and streaming eyes he said: "O God, thou knowest how easy ft is for me to do wrong and how hard ft is for me to do right! God help me!" That man knows not his own heart who has never felt the power of moral gravitation.

In your boyhood you had good assoclates and bad associates. Which most impressed you? During the last few years you have heard pure anecdotes and impure anecdotes, the easiest stuck to your memory? You have had good habits and bad habits. To which did your soul more easily yield? But that moral gravitation may be resisted. Just as you may pick up anything from the earth and hold it in your hand toward heaven, just so, by the power of God's grace, a fallen soul may be lifted toward peace. toward pardon, toward salvation. The force of moral gravitation is in every one of us, but also power in God's grace to overcome that force.

Slavery to Habit. had turned upside down. He feels his but one, business is going to ruin. Where he was kind and obliging he is scolding and fretful. The composure that characterized him has given way to fretful restlessness, and he has become a complete fidget. What power is it that has rolled a wave of woe over the earth and shaken a portent in the heavens? He has quit tobacco. After awhile he says: "I am going to do as I please. The doctor does not understand my case. I am going back to for such a young man? my old habits." And he returns, Everything assumes its usual composure. His business seems to brighten. The world becomes an attractive place to live in. His children, seeing the difference, bail the return of their father's genial disposition. What wave of color has dashed blue into the sky, and greenness into the mountain foliage, and the glow of sapphire into the sunset? What enchantment has

difted a world of beauty and joy on his soul? He has resumed tobacco. The fact is, we all know in our own experience that habit is a taskmaster. As long as we obey it it does not chastise us; but let us resist, and we find that we are lashed with scorpion whips and bound with ship cable and thrown into the track of bone breaking Juggernauts.

The Prodigar's Return. The prodigal, wishing to get into Some goed man without much sense here? You are about the last person ting. Well, the dying thief was him when he was at home, and since

do not know anything about this unless you have learned that when man tries to return from evil courses of conduct he runs against repulsions innumerable.

We say of some man, "He lives a block or two from the church, or half a mile from the church. In all our great cities there are men who are 5,000 miles from church—vast deserts of indifference between them and the house of God. The fact is we must keep our respectability though thousands perish. Christ sat with publicans and sinners, but if there come to the house of God a man with marks of dissipation upon him people are almost sure to put up their hands in horror, as much as to say, "Is it not | victor. shocking?"

How these dainty, fastidious Christians in all our churches are going to get into heaven I do not know, unless they have an especial train of cars cushioned and upholstered, each one a car to himself. They cannot go with the great herd of publicans and sinners. Oh, ye who curl your lip scorn on the fallen! I tell you plainly that if you had been surrounded by the same influences instead of sitting today among the cultured, and the refined, and the Christian, you might have been a crouching wretch in a stable or ditch covered with filth and abomination. It is not because we are naturally any better, but because the mercy of God has protected us. Those He, in the that are brought up in Christian cirround more." He struck out on his age should not be so hard on the

First Get Ashore.

drowning in the sea, and a lifeboat boat says to the man in the water, the nonessentials of religion. Who though his dissipation shake the book, remembering that he that "converteth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins."

Now, I have shown you these obstacles because I want you to understand I know all the difficulties in the way. But I am now going to tell you how Hannibal may scale the Alps and how the shackles may be unriveted and how the paths of virtue forsaken may be regained. First of all, throw yourself on God. Go to him frankly and earnestly and tell him these habits you have and ask him, if there is any help in all the resources of omnipotent love, to give it to you. Do not go on with a long rigmarole, which some people call prayer, made up of ohs and ahs and forever and forever amens! Go to God and cry for help.

Healing Balm for Wounds. I remember that while living in Philadelphia, at the time I spoke of a minute ago, the Master Street hospital was opened, and a telegram was received, saying: "There will be 300 wounded men tonight. Please take care of them." From my church there went out twenty or thirty men and women. As the poor wounded men were brought in no one asked of them from what state they came or what guilt; comfort for all your troubles.

A physician tells his patient that he your soul with moral distemper. In what was peculiar, as the gate slammust quit the use of tobacco, as it is all the ages of the church there has not med shut it came to with a jar that destroying his health. The man re- been an instance where a man kept indicated it would never open. Past plies, "I can stop that habit easy one evil associate and was reformed - each portal there was a grinding of enough." He quits the use of the among the 1,600,000,000 of the race, not locks and a shoving of the bolts, and weed. He goes around not knowing one instance. Give up your bad com- the scenery on each side the road what to do with himself. He cannot panions or give up heaven. It is not changed from gardens to deserts, and add up a column of figures; he cannot | ten bad companions that destroy a the June air became a cutting Decemsleep nights. It seems as if the world | man nor five bad companions nor three | ber blast, and the bright wings of the

man I saw along the street, four or with wine poured forth bubbling tears five young men with him, in front of a of foaming blood, and on the right side grogshop, urging him to go in, he re- of the road there was a serpent, and sisting, violently resisting, until after the man said to the bad angel, "What awhile they forced him to go in? It is that serpent?" And the answer was, was a summer night, and the door was . "That is the serpent of stinging releft open, and I saw the process. They morse." On the lett side of the road held him fast, and they put the cup to there was a lion, and the man asked his lips, and they forced down the the bad angel, "What is that lion?" strong drink. What chance is there The answer was, "That is the lion of

Surrendering to God.

Some of you, like myself, were born in the country. And what glorious news might these young men send home to their parents that this afternoon they had surrendered themselves to God and started a new life! I know how it is in the country. The night comes on. The cattle stand under the corner; I trusted it all. Why have rack, through which burst the trusses you thus deceived me?" Then the last of hay. The horses have just frisked deception fell off the charmer and he up from the meadow brook at the said: "I was sent from the pit to denightfall and stand knee deep in the stroy your soul. I watched my chance bright straw that invites them to lie for many a long year. When you hesdown and rest. The perch of the stated that night at the street corner hovel is full of fowl, their feet warm gained my triumph. Now you are under their feathers. When the nights here. Ha, ha! You are here! Come, get cold, the flames clap their hands now, let us fill the chalice and drink above the great back log and shake the to darkness and woe and death. Hall, shadow of the group up and down the hail!" wall. Father and mother sit there for half an hour saying nothing. I wonder what they are thinking of? After good society, enters a prayer meeting, awhile the father breaks the silence and says, "Well, I wonder where our locked this moment above you, conreets him by saying: "Why, are you boy is in town tonight?" And the tending for your soul, as above the mother answers: "In no bad place, I Apennines eagle and condor fight in

saved, and there is hope for you." You he has been away there have been so many prayers offered for him we can trust him still." Then at 8 or 9 o'clock just before they retire, for they go early to bed, they kneel down and commend you to that God who watches in country and in town, on the land and on the sea.

Some one said to a Grecian general What was the proudest moment of your life?" He thought a moment and said, "The proudest moment was when I sent word home to my parents that I had gained the victory." And the gladdest and most brilliant moment in your life will be the moment when you can send word to your parents that you have conquered the evil habits by the grace of God and become eternal

Honor to Parents. God pity the young man who has brought disgrace on his father's name! God pity the young man who has broken his mother's heart! Better that he had never been born. Better if in the first hour of his life, instead of being laid against the warm bosom of maternal tenderness, he had been coffined and sepulchered. There is no balm powerful enough to heal the heart of one who has brought parents to a sorrowful grave and who wanders about through the dismal cemetery rending the air and wringing the hands and crying, "Mother, mother!" Oh, that today, by all the memories of the past and by all the hopes of the future, you would yield your heart to God! May your father's God and your moth-

er's God be your God forever!

many a case hesitation is the loss of Why, it reminds me of a man all. At the corner of a street I saw a tragedy. A young man evidently puts out for him, and the man in the doubted as to which direction he had better take. His hat was lifted high going to live in my street?" First get | intelligent forehead. He had a stout him ashore and then talk to him about | chest and a robust development. Splendid young man! Cultured young man! cares what church he joins if he only | Honored young man! Why did he joins Christ and starts for heaven? stop there while so many were going Oh, you, my brother of illumined face up and down? The fact is that every and a hearty grip for every one that young man has a good angel and a bad tries to turn from his evil way, take angel contending for the mastery of hold of the same hymnbook with him, his spirit, and there was a good angel and a bad angel struggling with that young man's soul at the corner of the street. "Come with me," said the good angel. "I will take you home. I will spread my wings over your pillow. I will lovingly escort you all through life under supernatural protection. will bless every cup you drink out of, every couch you rest on, every doorway you enter. I will consecrate your tears when you weep, your sweat when you toil, and at the last I will hand over your grave into the hand of the bright angel of a Christian resurrection. I have been sent of the Lord to be your guardian spirit. Come with me," said the good anget in a voice of unearthly symphony. It was music like that which drops from a lute of heaven when a scraph breathes on it.

"Oh, no," said the bad angel. "Come with me. I have something better to offer. The wines I pour are from chalices of bewitching carousal. The dance I lead is over floors tessellated with unrestrained indulgence. There is no God to frown on the temples of sin where I worship. The skies are Italian. The paths I tread are through meadows daisted and primrosed. Come

Hesitation Is Ruis.

The young man hesitated at a time was their parentage. There was a angel smote the good angel until it dewounded soldier, and the only question parted, spreading wings through the was how to take off the rags most starlight, upward and away, until a gently and put on the cool bandage door swung open in the sky and forand administer the cordial. And when ever the wings vanished. That was a soul comes to God he does not ask the turning point in that young man's where you came from or what your history, for, the good angel flown, he ancestry was. Healing balm for all hesitated no longer, but started on your wounds; pardon for all your pathway which is beautiful at the opening, but blasted at last. The bad Then, also, I counsel you, if you want angel led the way through gate after to get back, quit all your bad asso- gate, and at each gate the road became ciates. One unholy intimacy will fill rougher and the sky more lurid, and had angel turned to sackeloth, and the What chance is there for the young fountains that at the start had tossed all devouring despair." A vulture flew through the sky, and the man asked the had angel, "What is that vuiture?" The answer was, "That is the vulture waiting for the carcasses of

and when the man said to the bad angel, "What does all this mean? I trusted in what you said at the street

Oh, young man, will the good angel sent forth by Christ or the bad angel sent forth by sin get the victory over your soul? Their wings are interhat I expected to see in a prayer warrant you. We always could trust midsky. This hour decides eternal des-

ILLINOIS ITEMS

James Nevins of Kankakee declared guilty of the murder of D. F. Reardon | Springs, and Manuel Holman, aged 24 years' imprisonment.

A suit for for a writ of injunction was begun at Joliet by Bartlett, Frazier & Co. of Chicago to restrain the Will County and Joliet Township collectors from collecting the taxes on grain in the Midland Elevator in this city. The company claims that grain was in transit and not subject to taxation. The property is valued at \$77,000.

Governor Yates has appointed the following deputy factory inspectors: George Cochrane, Chicago, vice Philip Steinmuelier, term expired; Mrs. F. H. Green, Chicago, to succeed herself; Mrs. Sarah R. Crowley, Chicago, to succeed herself; Mrs. Emily S. Alexander, Chicago, vice Mrs. Claranda M. Cope, term expired; Mrs. Mary Corrigan, Chirago, vice Mrs. W. M. Crissey, term expired; Mrs. Adele M. Whitgreave, Chicago, vice Mrs. Emma Jamieson, term expired; William Ehn, Galesburg, to succeed himself.

When John Bauer, motorman on St. Louis and Belleville electric line, started out on his trip from St. Louis Monday, Conductor Leonard Shannon walked forward and said: "I wish you would pull into Edwardsville two minutes ahead of time this morning; This hour the door of mercy swings have a little business to attend to. wide open. Hesitate not a moment. In | Motorman Bauer peered back into the car, where Lucy McLeer, the prettiest girl on the line, sat, blushing furiously, and he smiled and gave the controller an extra swing. They ran into Ed wardsville two and one-half minutes ahead of schedule, and Shannon an Miss McLeer hastily departed. In few moments they came back and faced the grinning motorman. "Permit me to introduce Mrs. Shannon, John, said the happy conductor. Then they started homeward on the wedding tour and Motorman Bauer whistled "Goo-Goo Eyes" all the way and never once looked back into the car.

President McKay of Shurtleff College at Alton has prohibited ragtime music in literary society programs. The students defy the order, and the crisis will come at the next meeting of the literary societies. In the two literary societies, the Alpha Zeta and the Sigma Phi, the students recently pieced out their programs with impromptu musical features in ragtime. Heretofore it has been the rule for these college literary societies to prepare programs of classical music, such as meets the approval of W. D. Armstrong, director of the Shurtleff School of Music. When the professor heard of the ragtime program he protested vigorously. The boys declared that they would have "coon" music whenever they wanted it. Then Professor Armstrong threatened to resign.

The Farmers' Relief association began its second general assembly in Carbondale. A change in the secret work and also in the constitution is contemplated.

The question of dispensing with contract labor by convicts in penal institutions, which is always a disturbing factor to labor organizations, will be discussed at Springfield next Monday by Governor Yates and Adam Menche. president of the State Federation of Labor. Others who will appear in the cause of the labor organizations are J. F. Morris, secretary state federation; J. H. Bowman and Joseph W. Morton, Chicago Federation of Labor: W. D. Ryan, United Mineworkers of Illinois; W. R. Boyer, Broommakers' union, and Mr. Lovely of the Boot and Shoemakers' association. The representatives of the manufacturers have not been named. It is understood that the Federation of Labor is opposed to the plan of putting convicts to work on material for good roads. Its demand will be that all improved machinery be removed from the penitentiary and the state authorities be left to figure out a way of employing convicts. A mass meeting will be held in representatives' hall by local labor organizations to arouse public sentiment,

The thirteen-year-old daughter of Joseph Tomashiski, a Polish coal miner at Minonk, lighted a fire with gasoline with the result that she and her brother, aged 11, are dead, and the father and a child aged 7 are seriously though not fatally burned. Their home was destroyed, causing a loss of \$2,000, insurance covering one-half.

Fire broke out on the east side of Main street at Arthur in the center of the block at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, destroying all the buildings in the block except two, causing a loss of \$40,000. Insurance, \$10,000. The fire is supposed to have been started accidentally by a gang of drunken

Miss Dollie Early of New Douglass received the gold medal and Miss Gusste Bucknell of Albambra second prize at a W. C. T. II. oratorical contost held in Alhambra.

Burglars broke open the safe in E. G. Kays' jewelry store in Quincy and secured watches, rings and cash to the amount of about \$1,000.

Mr. William C. Hunter of Oak Park has just been commissioned coionel and paymaster general of the Idaho National Guard on the staff of Governor F. W. Hunt. Colonel Hunter has traveled extensively in and written profusely of Idaho, and is at present writing a book on Idaho life.

Mrs. Kate Green and Miss May Shea, attendants at Dunning Insane Asylum, charged with starying patients

The annual Jersey county Sunday-

Judus Meredith, aged 28, of Cereal in 1896 and sentenced to twenty-five of Marion, exchanged eight shots on the streets of Marion, and both men as a result are mortally wounded. They had been in a poker game in which \$50 was involved. A dispute arose and the charge of cheating was made, After supper both men returned to the gambling place and renewed the quarrel. They were drinking heavily and for several hours a wordy war ensued until shortly after 2 o'clock in the morning, when the proprietor made them leave the place. On reaching the public square both drew revolvers and at once began shooting. Meredith is wounded in the abdomen and breast and Holman in

the lung and thigh. Gov. Yates has appointed the following state mine examiners to serve for two years: Hector McAllister, Streator, to succeed himself; Thomas Hudson, Galva, to succeed himself; Walter Rutledge, Alton, to succeed himself; John Dunlap, Centralia, to succeed himself; Evans D. Johns, Murphysboro, to succeed himself; James Taylor, Edwards, to succeed John W Graham, Dumfermline, term expired; Thomas Weeks, Colfax, to succeed John Williams, Westville, term ex-

pired. Students at the Garrett Biblical institute, in Chicago, were alarmed by the discovery that a fellow-student, W. H. Smith, who has been ill in one of the dormitories of the school since Monday, is suffering from diphtheria. He occupied a dormitory with ninetytwo other students, and has also appeared at the chapel exercises, where 325 students meet. A physician was summoned and advised that Smith be removed to the Cook county hospital. There his case was diagnosed diphtheria. Dr. C. J. Little ordered the room fumigated and closed. Dr. Little said that he did not believe Smith had diphtheria.

Henry Stellborn, Republican candidate for county commissioner, received 47 majority in Red Bud precinct, a Republican gain of 34. F. D. Guker, J. G. Hoy and F. C. Schreiber, Democrats, were elected as justices of the peace, and Fred Stellhorn, A. G. Miller and Al Cowell, Democrats, were elected as constables. A majority of 167 was cas against the issue of \$60,000 bonds, and a majority of 103 against change of road law.

for \$500,000. May erect big building L'Unione, published at Pueblo, Colo. Hotel, Chicago. The gas was turned on, and it was the belief of the police at first that the man had committed suicide. Later developments, however, lead the police to believe that Tessera's

his wife in the head with a shotgun and then drank an ounce of laudanum with suicidal intent. A bystander named Carr received five of the shots of the charge in the head. None of the three wounded persons is expected to recover. Armstrong's wife secured a divorce from him a few days ago.

Joseph Hawley and Fred Fisher were arrested in Peorla charged with the robbery of the Middle Grove postoffice some time last spring. A quantity of stamps, money and other material was taken from the postoffice at the time, as well as some merchandise from the store of D. O. Smisor, who was the postmaster. Hawley had some of the stolen goods. Fisher was arrested as an accessory and he also had some of the plunder concealed. They were taken before the United States commissioner and bound over to the United States grand jury in the sum of \$1,000, in default of which both

went to jail. Nathaniel Whittemore died at his home near Aurora. Mr. Whittemore had been a resident of the vicinity for twenty-six years. He died from heart trouble while sitting in his chair. Mr Whittemore was a member of the California Pioneers' Association of Chi-

In United States district court a Springfield James J. Jordan and Thomas A. Jordan, surviving partners of Jordan Brothers, as Jordan Brothers and as individuals, filed a pe ition in bankruptcy. They are grain dealers of Clinton and Heyworth. The scheduled liabilities are \$60,000 and the

Colonel Randolph Smith, president of the First National bank of Fibra, has announced to the republicans his candidacy for congress from the twenty-fourth district. He was a close friend of Gov. Tanner and was a mem ber of his staff. He was reappointed by Gov. Yates and is also a membe of the state board of labor. For number of years he has been pre nent in Egyptian politics and his na has been frequently mentioned in nection with the republic

Victor F. Lawson bought land a Madison and Fifth avenue, Chicago, Achtile Tessera, an employe of was found dead in his room at Bartl's death was due to an accident.

Len Armstrong of Mound City shot

Announcement was made at l'eoria of an advance in the price of spirits, the basis of all finished goods, to \$1.31 per gallon, or a raise of 1 cent. The cause is said to be the high price distillers are now compelled to pay for

Miss Maud Burgner, the 15-year-old daughter of Morris Burgner, a prominent farmer of Loxa, died of displacement of the heart due to excessive exercise in skipping the rope. She frequently outjumped her girl friends at school, and several weeks ago, after an unusually hard contest, she was taken ill, death resulting therefrom.

assets \$323.

President McKinley was that seldom lost his temper. als friends, even those who t entimate with him; had seem en angry mood, but he had s temper in the presence of st once or twice in a way to them. Just before he was for President, McKinley was paigning in the West. He had a vate car, and Mrs. McKinley and colored maid were with him. At Day ville, Ili., he made a speech, and whi the train stopped the maid went find a drug store and secure medicine for Mrs. McKinley. After the speech the car was attached to I limited train, and, amid the wild at citement of the enthusiastic thou the train pulled out for Terre Him for an evening meeting. Soon the train started the colored maid missed and McKinley sequested th committee to stop the train until st could be found. They masured I that the train could not be stopp as it was limited on its run, and se one remarked that such a train o not wait anyway for only a girl. That remark made McKink mad. He seized the bell gave it a vigorous jerk, with emphasis that the train stop and that he would not leave Danville until the girl was found. did not propose to leave a str colored girl there in a city filled with excited crowds to possibly meet in sult because of her color. She was under his protection and he would not go until she could be found. The train came to a sudden stop and the dignified committeemen, now meek is the presence of their indignant lend turned out to institute a search for the missing colored maid. She was found, the train moved on, but it was some time before McKinley's good nature could relieve the embarrant ment of the committee. They had not McKinley mad, and it took them good while to get over the semention

SIGNS ON WAGON ROOFS.

Wrinkle That Has Come in With the

Building of Plats. "When flats began to multiply." and a man who lives in one and so, natur ally, takes notice of things asset with them, "the owners of delivery wagons and so on began having all painted on the roofs of their was to catch the eye of those who du in homes above the street level. The painted these signs first with the name one letter under the other, like a spine straight down the middle of the war on top from end to end. Some they painted the name to the mi location, but with the letters arrang in the ordinary way, this making sign that could be easily read fro one side of the street only. The they took to painting the name on the wagon roof in two places along either side of the top near the edge. Thus painted, one or the other, of cour could be easily read from either side of the street. In wagon roof lettering the latest thing I have seen was at the top of a moving van, whose entire roof was covered with lettering, it lines placed crosswise to the top and beginning at the forward end and running, line under line, clean back to the rear end, so that the van's extensive roof, as you looked down upon it was lettered like a great poster, And of course this was not done idly, for the van is a vehicle that may stand backed up an hour or two in front of a house and the poster on its re is then brought where it can be en read by anybody in the air along the side of the street way.-New York

An Apology

The Green Bag, an English legal journal, tells the following stery: On one occasion a junior counsel on their lorships giving judgment against his client, exclaimed that he was surprise at their decision. This was construct into a contempt of court and the roung barrister was ordered to attend at the bar next morning. Fearful of the consequences, he consulted his John Scott (afterward Lord Eldon) who told him to be perfectly at ease for he would apologize for him in way that would avert any unpleasant result. Accordingly, when the name of the delinquent was called, Scott ross and coolly addressed the judges; " am very sorry, my lords," he said, "that my young friend has so far forgotten himself as to treat your lord ships with disrespect; he is extrem penitent, and you will kindsy ascrib his unintentional insult to his ignorance. You must see at once that it is originate in that. He said he was sur prised at the decision of your lordsh Now, if he had not been ignorant of what takes place in this court ever day-had he known you but half long as I have done-he would not h surprised at anything you did."

Sweden Sells Steel and Buys Tools It is a surprising fact that we annually from the United State Sweden more than \$1,000,000 work steel machinery, including everyth from a typewriter or cash re locomotive, and we take our pay in material. The exports of from a just about balance the den sends us pig iron bars, rods and shee